REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17-23, and 25-28 are pending prior to entering this amendment.

The applicants amend claims 1-2, 5, 8-10, 14-15, 22, and 28.

Claims 1-15, 17-23, and 25-28 remain in the application after entering this amendment.

The applicants add no new matter and request consideration of the remaining claims.

Interview Summary

Examiner Kamen and applicants' counsel conducted a telephonic interview on November 17, 2005, in which they discussed the meaning of the term instruction queue in the claims. Applicants' counsel pointed the examiner to portions of the specification (e.g., page 5, lines 12-19) and drawings (e.g., figures 1 and 4) that describe the recited instruction queue and instruction queue mechanism. The term instruction queue and instruction queue mechanism have the meaning described in the specification and claims.

The applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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